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Applicant : S. Albertson et al.) Group Art Unit 3627
Appl. No. : 09/585,134)
Filed : June 1, 2000)
For : CATEGORIZING FASTENERS AND)
CONSTRUCTION CONNECTORS)
USING VISUAL IDENTIFIERS)
Examiner : Neill Wilson)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following pending claims:

- CU 14. (Amended) A fastener and connector system, comprising:
- a connector which is required by regulation to be used with fasteners having specified physical properties;
 - a first colored indicia on the connector, the first color indicia having been pre-selected to indicate the fasteners which regulation permits may be used with the connector;
 - a fastener having the specified properties; and
 - a second colored indicia on the fastener, the second color indicia having been pre-selected to define the specified physical properties.
15. (Amended) The fastener and connector system of Claim 14, wherein the first color indicia and the second color indicia are the same color.